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In case you have not already received, the following is R3's Hot Sites Report from 12/30 and Fact Sheet is attached. Consistent with Agency plans, a residential well survey of homes in the Dimock, PA area was initiated on the afternoon of December 29th and continues. To this point, ten (10) residents have been visited and a couple more are scheduled for this afternoon. The visits are being conducted by three 2-person teams consisting of an On Scene Coordinator (OSC) and a Community Involvement Coordinator (CIC). The initial ten homes were all within the subset of 19 homes that had been incorporated in consent order and agreement between PADEP and Cabot Energy. A couple of the next scheduled visits will include residences outside of the original 19 homes. All visits have been cordial and the homeowners have been very cooperative in working with the teams to complete the well survey form. Several homeowners have also shared data they have on the water quality of their well - typically data Cabot had provided to them. Many have asked whether we intend to eventually do sampling, and have told us that they would welcome sampling and would be willing to provide access to allow the sampling to occur. This includes a couple of homes where the owners expressed basic satisfaction with systems installed for them by Cabot. Survey work will continue through today and then restart on Tuesday, 1/3/12. At this point the teams are confident that all or most residents can be surveyed by the end of next week (1/6/12). OSC Fetzer has coordinated with Susquehanna County EMA and the county will be providing some tax maps with so-called 9-1-1 addresses (as opposed to post office boxes) which should help with future scheduling of home visits. County officials are also working on getting approval from the Montrose Fire Department (approx. 5 miles from Dimock) to allow EPA to mobilize a command post to that location to facilitate local coordination and the accomplishment of field work. PADEP's Regional office has generally advised that any DEP coordination should occur with the Bureau of Oil and Gas. Concurrent with residential visits, the START contractor is working on organizing all available data so that clear evaluations of the conditions at each residence will be possible moving forward. A draft sampling plan for residential wells will be finalized today and available for use should the Agency decide as a future action that sampling is needed.

Absent any significant issue arising, the next hot site report will be provided Tuesday, 1/3/12. - DimockFactsheet.pdf